



# BIOGRAPHY



## COLONEL JONATHAN W. KLAAREN

Colonel Jonathan W. Klaaren is the vice commander, Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. AFOATS is the single point manager for approximately 15,000 students in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program and 2,500 students in Officer Training School. AFOATS trains nearly 80 percent of line, chaplain, judge advocate, nurse, medical service, and biomedical science officer production for the Air Force. Additionally, AFOATS has oversight of the Air Force Junior ROTC program at 869 high schools with over 105,000 students.

Colonel Klaaren was formerly the commandant, Squadron Officer School, and vice commander, Squadron Officer College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. He was responsible for implementing a curriculum to improve the professional competence of Air Force company grade officers and inspire their dedication to the profession of arms.

The colonel has served as commander of the 4th Operations Support Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. Colonel Klaaren's previous assignments have included weapon systems officer in the F-4E, F-111F, and F-15E. He flew 30 combat missions in the F-111F during Operation Desert Storm. He also served as an instructor at Air Command and Staff College and in staff positions at Headquarters Air Combat Command in the Operations Directorate and Plans and Programs Directorate. Colonel Klaaren received his commission from Officer Training School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in 1981. He graduated from navigator training in 1982. He is a master navigator with more than 2,500 flying hours.

### EDUCATION:

1977 Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

1988 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

1989 Masters degree, Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.

1993 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

2001 Masters degree, Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. December 1981 - June 1982, student, undergraduate navigator training, 452nd Flying Training Squadron, Mather Air Force Base, Calif.
2. July 1982 - June 1983, student weapon systems officer, F-4 replacement training unit, 307th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Homestead Air Force Base, Fla.
3. June 1983 - March 1986, F-4E instructor weapon systems officer, 336th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
4. April 1986 - May 1991, F-111F instructor weapon systems officer; squadron chief, Pave Tack/Radar Strike; DO executive officer, flight examiner, wing executive officer, and flight commander, 492nd and 493rd Tactical Fighter Squadrons, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom
5. June 1991 - July 1992, chief, F-111 Training Branch, Headquarters Tactical Air Command/Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
6. July 1992 - June 1993, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
7. June 1993 - June 1995, academic instructor, curriculum developer, and operations officer, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
8. July 1995 - December 1996, F-15E weapon systems officer, chief of quality, and assistant operations officer, 335th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

9. January 1997 - July 2000, F-15E weapon systems officer, current operations flight commander, operations officer, and commander, 4th Operations Support Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
10. August 2000 - June 2001, student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
11. July 2001 - March 2003, chief of the Basing and Force Structure Division, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
12. March 2003 – July 2006, commandant, Squadron Officer School, and vice commander, Squadron Officer College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
13. July 2006 – present, vice commander, Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Legion of Merit  
Distinguished Flying Cross  
Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Aerial Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one silver leaf cluster, one oak leaf cluster and Valor device  
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with two oak leaf clusters  
Combat Readiness Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
National Defense Service Medal  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Southwest Asia Service Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal  
Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  
Kuwait Liberation Medal, Government of Kuwait

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	Nov. 6, 1981
First Lieutenant	Nov. 6, 1983
Captain	Nov. 6, 1985
Major	May 1, 1993
Lieutenant Colonel	Jan. 1, 1997
Colonel	June 1, 2002

*(Current as of November 2006)*